

## **STATE OF CALIFORNIA SIERRA NEVADA CONSERVANCY**

### **Sierra Nevada Conservancy Grant Program Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Act of 2006 (Proposition 84)**

**Applicant:** CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

**Project Title:** COSUMNES WATERSHED HOME YARD AUDITS

**Application Number:** SNC 080199

#### **PROJECT SCOPE**

Project will provide information, technical assistance, and build community support around water use efficiency sufficient enough to significantly change water use patterns in the watershed. The primary methods are conducting home and yard audits to advise property owners on best management practices relative to fire safety, water use efficiency, storm water pollution, and habitat values.

The project will conduct a total of 40 home yard audits in El Dorado and Amador Counties and make recommendations to property owners that will include simple, cost-effective ways to reduce the negative factors on their properties.

Once landowners have received the information and taken recommended actions, the project will conduct outreach to landowners in the watershed and coordinate a tour of the project sites.

Specifically, the Association will:

- Provide educational opportunities to both homeowners participating in the audits and those with an interest in the practices being presented.
- Conduct pre- and post-assessments of recommended improvements to demonstrate positive changes for other landowners in the watershed.
- Utilize the "Livestock and Land" model rangeland management practices as a means of educating landowners
- Initiate a peer leader program tasked with expanding awareness in the watershed and carrying the project beyond the scope of the grant-funded area of operation
- Host a series of public events at project sites to educate the general community about watershed health and techniques to reduce environmental impacts
- Develop and distribute informational material about the project to landowners throughout the watershed
- Conduct pre- and post-project photo monitoring
- Disseminate information on the project to local and state elected officials and other key stakeholders through direct mailings and local media.
- Survey participants to define measureable changes in knowledge and behavior.

## PROJECT SCHEDULE

DETAILED PROJECT DELIVERABLES	TIMELINE
Develop evaluation materials (pre and post surveys, evaluation templates, outreach and educational materials)	March 2009 – June 2009
Initiate home yard audit Program (work with other entities to utilize resources efficiently, develop a targeted property list, develop and distribute informational fliers, prioritize potential participants, establish a schedule for audits)	June 2009 – August 2009
Initiate a peer leader program (recruit participants from the pilot project, recruit other community leaders, train peer leaders, create signs to be placed on peer leaders properties)	June 2009 – August 2009
Complete and submit six-month progress report to SNC	August 2009
Continue home yard audit program (hold a kick-off event, conduct evaluations, follow-up with landowners 1 and 3 months after initial evaluation)	September 2009 – February 2010
Complete and submit twelve-month progress report to SNC	February 2010
Continue home yard audit and peer leader programs	March 2010
Demonstrate the Accomplishments (closing event, tour of properties)	March 2010 - May 2010
Summarize the Program (create a report and distribute widely)	June 2010 - July 2010
<b>FINAL PAYMENT/FINAL PAYMENT REQUEST</b>	<b>August 30, 2010</b>

## PROJECT COSTS

PROJECT BUDGET CATEGORIES	TOTAL SNC FUNDING
Staff	\$22,400
Advertising	4,300
Training	300
Tour	500
Events	2,100
Travel	1,100
Supplies	500
Administration	4,700
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$35,900</b>

## PROJECT SUPPORT LETTERS

- El Dorado County Firesafe Council

## PROJECT PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There are four Performance Measures common to all grants. In addition, grantees are required to include between one and three project-specific measures. Performance Measures listed here represent those proposed by applicants and may be modified through further discussion with SNC staff.

- Measurable Changes in Knowledge or Behavior